

REMARKS

In a Non-Final Office Action, the Examiner rejected various claims based on various grounds. Applicant respectfully, without waiver of subject matter, has cancelled all pending claims and has submitted new claims 61-85 (independent claims 61, 73, and 85). The claims present no new matter and are fully supported by the specification, for example, in the discussion of paragraphs 36 to 54.

Applicant respectfully submits that the new claims obviate the Examiner's obviousness-type double patenting rejection and the Examiner's 101 rejection.

With regard to the Examiner's Section 102 and 103 rejections, Applicant respectfully submits that the new claims are patentable over Calbucci et al. (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2005/0131872). The Calbucci application is directed to evaluating a query and identifying a type of query. Paragraph 0005 of Calbucci et al. The Calbucci application discloses what it refers to as "query recognizers" which is the probability that a query belongs to one of a predefined set of categories. Paragraph 0023 of Calbucci et al.

The Calbucci application does not disclose constructing a query rewrite table from a query log in the manner set forth in the new claims. As recited in each of the independent claims, a candidate string is selected "based on a distribution of different candidate strings appearing in prior search queries associated with the common entity identifier" in a query log. The candidate string is then added to the query rewrite table and associated with the common entity identifier. The query rewrite table can then be used to include the entity identifier in a rewritten search query.

Applicant respectfully submits that the application is in condition for allowance.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 35 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 50-1070 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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